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**ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT ANNOUNCES NEW POSITIONS FOR  
FOUR JUDGES IN 2ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT AND DUPAGE COUNTY**

The Illinois Supreme Court has announced the appointment of the Honorable Ann B. Jorgensen to the Illinois Appellate Court along with new positions for three other judges in the Second Judicial District and DuPage County.

Judge Jorgensen, chief judge of the 18th Judicial Circuit which encompasses DuPage County, will fill the Appellate Court vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Thomas E. Callum, effective July 6, 2008.

In another order, the Supreme Court assigned Circuit Court Judge Michael J. Burke to duty in the Second District Appellate Court. He will fill the position currently held by Circuit Judge Robert E. Byrne, who also is retiring on July 6, 2008.

The Supreme Court also appointed Associate Judge Blanche Hill Fawell to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Circuit Judge Edward R. Duncan Jr.

Circuit Judge Richard M. Stock, who had been serving in the Judge Duncan vacancy, was appointed to fill the Circuit Court vacancy created by Judge Jorgensen's appointment to the Appellate Court.

All of those appointments are effective July 7, 2008.

"It's an honor to have been appointed to the Appellate Court," said Judge Jorgensen. "I'm humbled by the confidence expressed by the Supreme Court in their appointment, and I look forward to the new challenge."

Judge Jorgensen has been Chief Judge of the second most populous Circuit in the state since 2005. She has sat on the bench since August 1989, when she was appointed an associate judge; and was elected Circuit Judge in 1994, and retained in 2000 and 2006.

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Before being elected by her colleagues as Chief of the Circuit, Judge Jorgensen served as presiding judge of the Felony Division and of the Drug Court in DuPage County. She received her Juris Doctorate from DePaul University College of Law in 1980. She was an assistant state's attorney from 1980 to 1984, and was a partner from 1984-1989 in the firm of Donahue Jorgensen Sowa and Bugos, with an emphasis in criminal defense and juvenile court proceedings.

Judge Burke, who will be sitting on the Appellate bench by assignment, has been on the bench since 1992 when he was appointed associate judge. He was appointed by the Supreme Court as a Circuit Judge in 2001 and was elected as a Circuit Judge in 2002. He currently sits in the Felony Trial Division and is Presiding Judge of the Misdemeanor and Traffic Division.

He received his Juris Doctor with highest distinction from The John Marshall Law School in 1984, and worked in the DuPage County state's attorney's office from then until his appointment as associate judge in 1992.

Both Judge Jorgensen and Judge Burke have received exceptionally high judicial ratings in bar association polls.

The Supreme Court filed the orders on April 3, 2008.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District is composed of 13 counties in northern Illinois, including DuPage, Lake, McHenry, Kane, Kendall, DeKalb, Boone, Lee, Ogle, Winnebago, Stephenson, Carroll and Jo Daviess.

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